

Amendments to the Specification:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 27 on page 1, with the following new paragraph:

Creating and maintaining a beautifully adorned landscape, however, is not without effort. If a desired location is wild, the brush and weeds must be cleared and the soil prepared before planting or seeding can begin. If a landscape site is to be redesigned, it must also be cleared of unwanted plants and weeds and be prepared to receive new foliage. Furthermore, after a designed area is completed, continual maintenance including trimming, edging and pruning is necessary.

Please insert the following new paragraph after line 8 on page 5:

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of a fixed-line cutting assembly according to an alternate embodiment of the present invention shown in a separated position.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 on page 6 with the following new paragraph:

Preferably, a plurality of ribs 26 are radially and axially formed on second side 24 of blade head 20 to provide structural support thereto. Preferably, three pins 40, 46 and 52 extend from second surface 24 of blade head 20 and are approximately evenly spaced-apart radially for engaging with bell-shaped member 100 as more fully described below. Pins 40, 46 and 52 are generally cylindrically shaped having first ends 42, 48 and 54, respectively, and second ends 44, 50 and 56, respectively, respectively, wherein second ends 44, 50 and 56 of pins 40, 46 and 52, respectively, are secured within apertures 34, 36 and 38, respectively, of blade head 20. Pins 40, 46 and 52 may be formed as an integral part of blade 20 or may be attached within apertures 34, 36 and 38, respectively, by any known means such as, for exemplary purposes only, glue, threads or frictional fit. Pins 40, 46 and 52, serve to secure and to provide a pivot point for cutting blades 80, 86 and 92, respectively.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 on page 7 with the following paragraph:

Retaining clip 61 is provided for removably locking blade head 20 to bell-shaped member 100. Retaining clip 61 is generally cylindrically shaped having first side 62 and second side 63, wherein retaining jaws 64 and 68 extend from second side 63 at preferably radially opposing positions and serves as a means for removably locking to bell-shaped member 100. More specifically tabs 65 and 69 are formed at the distal end of jaws 64 and 68, respectively, thereby forming a lip 66 and 70, respectively. Locking jaws 64 and 68, are dimensioned for extending through channels 57a and 57b, and then through retaining apertures 110 and 112 of bell-shaped member 100, wherein lips 66 and 70 of retaining jaws 64 and 68, respectively, mate with lips 111 and 113 of retaining apertures 110 and 112, respectively. Locking jaws 64 and 68 are dimensioned and positioned such that when locking jaws 64 and 68 are extended through retaining apertures 110 and 112, tabs 65 and 69, respectively, are urged outward and against lips 111 and 113, respectively. Locking jaws 64 and 68 are flexible enough to allow tabs 65 and 69 to be squeezed toward each other by a hand force to disengage lips 66 and 70, respectively, from lips 111 and 113 of retaining apertures 110 and 112, respectively, thereby allowing retaining clip 61 to be removed and thus blade head 20 to be disengages from bell-shaped member 100. It should be noted that although a bell-shaped member is preferred, other shapes may be utilized.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 on page 9, with the following new paragraph:

Because of the semi-rigidity of lines 250 and 252 and because of the frictional contact between V-shaped guide ribs 232 and 242, respectively, and retaining members 260, 264, 262 and retaining members 270, 272, 274, respectively, lines 250 and 252 are removably fixed within channels 230 and 240, respectively, such that during rotational cutting, lines 250 and 252 will remain in the position as initially installed. A user can remove lines 250 and 252 to replace or inspect by simply manipulating lines 250 and 252 around the respective retaining members 260, 262, 264 and retaining members 270, 272, 274, respectively.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 on page 13, with the following new paragraph:

Integrally formed to guide rib 542 are bridges 604 and 606, wherein bridge 604 extends over first aperture 545 and bridge 606 extends over aperture 547, and wherein bridges 604 and 606 function to further secure cutting line 552 within channel 540. Retaining members 570, 572 and 574 extend from guide ribs 542 and over V-shaped channel 540 thereby extending over line 552 into position within channel 540. First retaining member 570 is preferably positioned at the distal end of V-shaped guide rib 542; second retaining member 572 preferably is positioned at the other distal end of V-shaped guide rib 542; and third retaining member 574 is preferably centered between first retaining member 570 and second retaining member 572.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 29 on page 13 with the following paragraph:

Because of the semi-rigidity of lines 550 and 552 and because of the frictional contact between V-shaped guide ribs 532 and 542, respectively, and retaining members 560, 562, 564 and retaining members 570, 572, 574, respectively, lines 550 and 552 are removably fixed within channels 530 and 540, respectively, such that during rotational cutting, lines 550 and 552 will remain in the position as initially installed. A user can remove lines 550 and 552 to replace or inspect by simply manipulating lines 550 and 552 around the respective retaining members 560, 562, 564 and retaining members 570, 572, 574, respectively, as well as by manipulating lines 550 and 552 through first and second apertures 535 and 537, and 545 and 547, respectively, and center apertures 700 and 702, and 704 and 706, respectively.